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Ozark National Scenic Riverways Opens More Park Areas after Major Flooding Assessment and Restoration Continues

Van Buren, MO – Ozark National Scenic Riverways made significant progress over the weekend in the safety and condition assessments and repairs of facilities damaged by flooding. Much credit goes to the park's maintenance staff who had been working beyond normal hours to accomplish flood related repairs. The patience of the public and the cooperation from our park's concessionaires during the last week has been very much appreciated.

The Upper Current River District between Baptist and Williams is **OPEN. HOWEVER, SINKING CREEK AND CEDAR GROVE ACCESS ARE CLOSED.**

The Jacks Fork River District all the way to Powder Mill is open **EXCEPT FOR THE TWO RIVERS ACCESS AND ALLEY SPRING CAMPGROUND AND BOAT LAUNCH. The floater access at Alley Spring Campground is OPEN.** Due to road conditions getting to the outlying Jacks Fork River accesses, the public is advised to drive carefully and use high clearance vehicles. The Powder Mill river access is very soft and floaters are advised to use caution when using this area.

The Lower Current River District facilities open are:

- Visitor Contact Station in Van Buren (Open daily 8:00 – 4:30)
- Big Spring Lodge, its walkway and parking lot

More park areas and facilities are anticipated to be open as the week progresses.

For more information, phone (573) 323-4236 during daily business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/ozar. Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the

free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people.

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